

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A personal watercraft comprising:

a body including a hull and a deck;

an engine mounted within the body;

a first exhaust chamber disposed on one side of the body, the first exhaust chamber having a plurality of inner spaces defined by at least one separating wall to allow an exhaust gas from the engine to flow within the inner spaces;

a second exhaust chamber disposed on an opposite side of the body to allow the exhaust gas from the first exhaust chamber to flow within the second exhaust chamber;

a first exhaust pipe through which the engine and the first exhaust chamber communicate with each other, such that the exhaust gas from the engine is drawn into one of the inner spaces of the first exhaust chamber through the first exhaust pipe;

a first inverted-U shaped pipe configured to extend from the first exhaust chamber to the second exhaust chamber such that the exhaust gas drawn into the first exhaust chamber through the first exhaust pipe is drawn from the first exhaust chamber to the second exhaust chamber through the first inverted-U shaped pipe;

a second inverted-U shaped pipe configured to extend from the second exhaust chamber to the first exhaust chamber such that the exhaust gas drawn into the second exhaust chamber through the first inverted-U shaped pipe is drawn from the second exhaust chamber into another one of the inner spaces of the first exhaust chamber through the second inverted-U shaped pipe; and

a second exhaust pipe configured to extend from the first exhaust chamber to an outside of the body such that the exhaust gas drawn into the first exhaust chamber through the second inverted-U shaped pipe is drawn from the first exhaust chamber to the outside of the body through the second exhaust pipe;

wherein the first inverted-U shaped pipe and the second inverted-U shaped pipe are each positioned in a flow path of the exhaust gas and bent to be substantially inverted-U shaped.

2. The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein the second inverted-U shaped pipe is connected to the first exhaust chamber so as to protrude into the other one of the inner spaces of the first exhaust chamber.

3. The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein an uppermost portion of the first inverted-U shaped pipe and an uppermost portion of the second inverted-U shaped pipe are each located higher than a waterline of the body of the watercraft.

4. The personal watercraft according to Claim 3, wherein the first inverted-U shaped pipe and the second inverted-U shaped pipe are provided to extend in a space within the body which is formed above a joint portion where the hull and the deck are joined to each other.

5. The personal watercraft according to Claim 4, wherein the personal watercraft is a straddle-type watercraft provided with a seat straddled by a rider, the personal watercraft further comprising:

a rear deck formed at a rear portion of the body; and

a storage box disposed forward of the rear deck and under the seat, wherein the space within the body is located between the rear deck and the storage box.

6. The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein the first exhaust chamber and the second exhaust chamber are each comprised of a cylindrical member with a center axis thereof extending in a longitudinal direction of the body.

7. The personal watercraft according to Claim 6, wherein the first exhaust chamber and the second exhaust chamber are connected at peripheral portions thereof to the first inverted-U shaped pipe and the second inverted-U shaped pipe, respectively.

8. The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first exhaust chamber and the second exhaust chamber forms a resonator.

9. The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein a front end of the second exhaust chamber is located behind a front end of the first exhaust chamber within the body.

10. The personal watercraft according to Claim 9, wherein a battery is disposed forward of the second exhaust chamber.

11. The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, further comprising:
a water jet pump driven by the engine;

wherein the water jet pump is disposed on a substantially center axis of the body to extend along a longitudinal direction of the body, and the first exhaust chamber and the second exhaust chamber are disposed on right and left sides of the water jet pump, respectively.

12. The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein a valve for inhibiting reverse flow is provided in the second exhaust pipe.